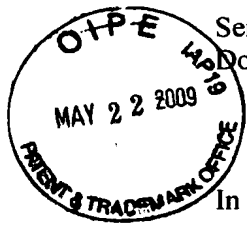


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In re Application of:

Yoichi KATAYAMA

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For: IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE DECODING METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.